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April 5, 2013

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Subject: Escalante Silver Mine – Request for Acceptance of Reclamation and Final Surety Release – M210004

Reference: State of Utah Letter dated June 27, 2012

Gentlemen:

The final reclamation activities were completed in August 2011. Reclamation was completed per the updated Reclamation Plan submitted to the Department June 2, 2011.

The final reclamation activities included removal of the fencing and gates around the tailings impoundment, reclamation of the tailings impoundment access road, the monitoring well surface areas, and the tailings impoundment access road.

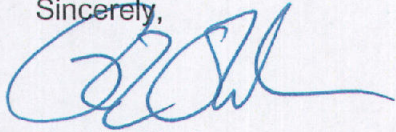
The tailings impoundment was reclaimed over fifteen years ago and the vegetation on the tailings impoundment has good cover and density with a good diversity of native species with minimal weed cover.

Knapweed occurrences on several areas of the tailings impoundment, particularly the diversion ditch, has been managed by summer spraying for the past five years, however the knapweed is not completely eradicated.

Per our past discussions, Hecla is submitting a check to the BLM for \$7,500 to enable the BLM to fund continued inspection and treatment of noxious weeds at the tailings impoundment area. The agencies will then accept the final reclamation as complete and provide a full release of the remaining surety.

Please call me at 208.769.4112 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Glader', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul L. Glader
Corporate Environmental Director

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